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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities observed prior to 28 March 1955:

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1. General:

- a. Thirteen division-level exercises have been reported since early March. The 95th Guards Rifle Division was observed after 2 March in winter maneuvers, held in the Doellersheim area in Austria.
- b. KVP units engaged in short-term practice marches and combat exercises at regimental and battalion level. Firing by all weapons and command post exercises also took place at regimental level.

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

From 19 to 22 March, the 12th Guards Tank Division held an exercise in the Rheinsberg-Neuruppin area. Seven shipments with troops had been dispatched there from Dallgow.

3. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

On 19 March, the 7th Guards Mechanized Division completed its exercise in the Cottbus-Lieberose area. After 23 March, the same area was the scene of an exercise held by the 6th Guards Mechanized Division.

4. Third Shock Army:

From 12 to 16 March, the 19th Guards Mechanized Division, including the 20th Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade and corps troops from Stendal, held maneuvers in Letzling Heath. After 20 March, the 18th Mechanized Division, with the 3rd Guards Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade from Rostock, a corps artillery brigade and other corps troops, exercised in the north sector of the Wittstock troop training grounds.

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5. Eighth Guards Army:

On 16 March, four shipments loaded with 152-mm gun howitzers went from Altenburg toward Leipzig, presumably to Altengrabow. On 19 March, elements of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division from Jena were loaded on eight to ten trains. Between 17 and 20 March, a division-level exercise was held, presumably south of Naumburg, by the 57th Guards Rifle Division, with a corps artillery brigade from Merseburg and a corps rocket-launcher gun regiment from Leipzig. In mid-March, the Lossa area was the scene of maneuvers, probably held by the 21st Guards Mechanized Division.

6. Fourth Artillery Corps:

Between 21 and 23 March, elements of the 6th Artillery Division returned in nine shipments from Altengrabow. From 14 to 16 March, elements of the 34th Artillery Division were observed at Altengrabow where they had arrived in three shipments. On 23 March, 14 shipments of the 34th Artillery Division arrived in the Luckau area southwest of Luebben.

7. KVP:

Between late February and early March, the Mechanized Division Eggesin was preparing for spring inspections. From 12 to 15 March, the Heavy Tank and SP Regiment Burg was observed in the eastern portion of the training grounds at Kliestz. When the Second Mechanized Regiment Karpin held marching practices in late February

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